GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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Use of Highways as Landing Strips
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has identified certain highway stretches across the country to use for aircraft operation as landing strips during operational contingencies and natural disasters, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also plans to develop small airstrips along the National Highways stretches to improve connectivity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) The Indian Air Force (IAF) has taken a step forward to use highway stretches as ;landing strips; in an emergency. A generic plan for utilisation of National Highways as landing strips during eventualities by IAF has been sent to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

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